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familiar story. Jesus appears in the midst of the men with whom he lived, the human Comrade and the divine Master. This is the work of a teacher.

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**The Law of Congregational Usage.** By William E. Barton. Chicago: Advance Publishing Co., 1916. Pp. xxvi+495. \$2.50.

This is the most recent, complete, and probably will be for many years the most authoritative, treatment of the Congregational way of church government. It is the product of years of careful research, practical counsel, and personal correspondence. Real situations rather than imaginary problems are faced throughout the book. Dr. Barton has grouped his material under twenty-six sections; he introduces each subject by a concrete question. His answer, almost without exception, is clear, concise, and adequate, and is often illustrated by citations from historical material which he has searched with discriminating and painstaking fidelity. Thus the reader is able to evaluate the author's judgment from comparisons with other authorities. Two sections are challenging: "The Association Acting as Council" (No. 19) presents a radical movement toward standing centralized authority which even the writer's cautious words (p. 330) do not render wholly assuring; "The District Association" (No. 17) displays a growth of functions in the Advisory Committee which is fraught with certain dangers not to be overlooked. Dr. Barton evidently regards these developments as signs of life and not, under available safeguards, as sources of peril.

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**The Gospel in Art.** By Albert E. Bailey. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1916. Pp. x+483. \$3.00.

To the minister and Bible teacher this book is well-nigh indispensable. The value of pictures in all forms of church work is recognized; but a discriminating guidebook has been hard to find. We have it here. The Introduction contains a brief statement of the spiritual significance of great pictures and a most helpful discussion of the subject, "How to Study a Picture." We commend this heartily to all Bible teachers. Then follows a catalogue of 1,227 pictures on the life of Christ, arranged in biographical sequence according to the Stevens and Burton *Harmony*, and giving information as to available reproductions, with prices in many cases. Then comes a study of great pictures illustrating the life of Christ, with reproductions. The volume concludes with

brief sketches of the artists mentioned and a carefully prepared index. As an example of Mr. Bailey's handling of his material, we note the section on "Christ and the Rich Young Man," pp. 354-62. Three pictures are studied, by Hofmann, von Gebhardt, and Watts. These are reproduced, the first in color, and the interpretation is most admirable. We do not see how a preacher or a Bible teacher could study these pages without deriving practical help of the greatest value from them. The publishers have used fine material in the book, but it is somewhat stiff.

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**A Pocket Congregational Manual.** By William E. Barton. Sublette, Ill.: Puritan Press, 1914. Pp. 310. \$1.50.

This is the seventh edition of Barton's *Manual*. It is divided into five parts: "The Law of Deliberative Assemblies," "Congregational Theory and Practice," "Compendium of Forms," "Miscellaneous Forms," and "A Book of Public Services." Such a table of contents is clearly dictated by the practical use to which the book is to be put. Almost everything that the average minister could possibly need to know about the usage of churches congregationally governed is here presented in the concise and clear terms that Dr. Barton knows so well how to use. It is the best manual to be had and should be on the desk of every minister of a church whose polity calls for him to know the fundamental rules and forms of the "Congregational way."

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Dr. H. F. Cope, the secretary of the Religious Education Association, has issued a new (the sixth) edition of his admirable book, *The Modern Sunday School and Its Present-Day Task*. (Revell, \$1.00). In the ten years which have passed since the publication of this volume the progress of Sunday-school reform has been so rapid as to make changes necessary. The book in its new form is even more useful than it was originally.

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The Federal Council *Year Book* for 1917, prepared by Dr. H. L. Carroll (Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada), covers the entire field of the religious organizations of the United States, according to the statistics and reports for 1916. The volume is a perfect treasure house of information as to organizations, institutions, and church work both at home and abroad.